

**JOINT INVENTORS' DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION  
AND POWER OF ATTORNEY**

As the below named inventors, we hereby declare that:

Our residences, post office addresses and citizenship are as stated below our names.

We believe that we are the original, first and joint inventors of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled: "Method and Apparatus to Reduce Slot Width in Tubular Members" the specification of which was filed on April 16, 2004, and assigned Serial No.

We hereby authorize our legal representative to add reference to the Serial No. and/or filing date of the above-referenced application to this declaration.

We hereby state that we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

We acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the patentability of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56.

**Prior Foreign Application(s)**

We hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application to which priority is claimed:

	Date of Filing	Date of Issue	Priority Claimed
Country	Application No. (day,month,year)	(day,month,year)	35 U.S.C.119

Yes    No

### **Prior Provisional Application(s)**

We hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below:

Application Serial Number	Date of Filing (day, month, year)
60/463,917	17 April 2003

### **Prior U.S. Application(s) and PCT International Application(s) Designating the United States**

We hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §120 of any United States application(s), or § 365(c) of any PCT International application(s) designating the United States listed below:

Application Serial Number Abandoned)	Date of Filing (day, month, year)	Status (Patented, Pending,

Insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims in this application is not disclosed in the prior United States, foreign or PCT International application(s) to which priority has been claimed above in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, §112, we acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56 which occurred between the filing date of the prior application(s) and the national or PCT international filing date of this application.

We hereby appoint, both jointly and severally, as our attorneys and agents with full power of substitution and revocation, to prosecute this application and any corresponding application filed in the Patent Cooperation Treaty Receiving Office, and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected herewith the following attorneys and agents, their registration numbers being listed after their names:

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We hereby declare that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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